



St Mary's Cathedral
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2024

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
INCLUDING
ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH,
MCELHONE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Pss 31:1-2, 5, 11*

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 7:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mark 1:40-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE ACTING DEAN



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are about to enter the great season of Lent. Not long ago we were illumined by the light shining from the Temple and now the dessert is in sight. Do not be afraid to go there with Jesus.

Lent is a time for each of us to interiorise deeply what we believe and allow it to profoundly change us.

Our Archbishop Anthony has written in his 2024 notice of Lenten Penance:

“In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience our need for mercy, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves.”

So we are encouraged and even obliged to do penance: *“to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent.”*

“Therefore during Lent and on every Friday throughout the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence; in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choice. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

DAYS OF PENANCE

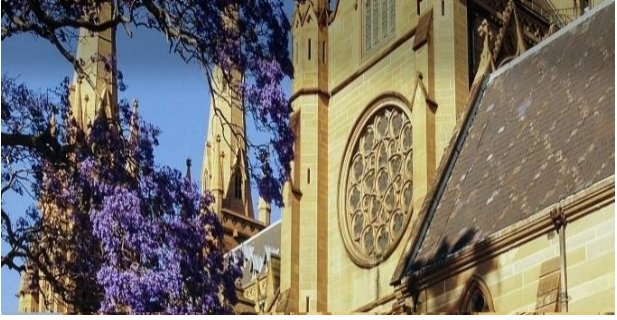



1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one’s own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.
 - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened

All are welcome to join us in our Lenten liturgies and devotions with Stations of the Cross starting again on Friday the 16th. Be assured of my prayers for a blessed and fruitful Lenten season.

Fr Lewi Barakat, Administrator and Acting Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

February – March 2024

		10 <i>Saturday</i> <i>St Scholastica</i>	11 <i>Sunday</i> <i>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	12 <i>Monday</i>	13 <i>Tuesday</i>	
14 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	15 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	16 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	17 <i>Saturday</i>	18 <i>Sunday</i> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 2pm Rite of Election 2024 2pm Sunday Public Tour	19 <i>Monday</i>	20 <i>Tuesday</i>
21 <i>Wednesday</i> 5.30pm Mass <i>(Mass for Sydney Catholic Schools)</i> 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	22 <i>Thursday</i> <i>The Chair of Peter</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	23 <i>Friday</i> 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	24 <i>Saturday</i>	25 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	26 <i>Monday</i>	27 <i>Tuesday</i>
28 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA <i>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>	29 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	1 <i>Friday</i> AUTUMN EMBER DAY 12.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	2 <i>Saturday</i>	3 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	4 <i>Monday</i>	5 <i>Tuesday</i>

Weekly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



REPENT AND BELIEVE

Be Filled with the Love of God



Lenten Companion 2024



Available for download
gomakedisciples.org.au



Seasons of Renewal - Lent and Easter: How to evangelise throughout the year

As we prepare to invite and welcome new faces to our parishes at Easter, join the discussion on practical ideas that we can implement to share the joy and hope that following Christ brings. All welcome!

DATES:

- Friday 16 February 2024, 10:00 – 11:00 am
- Thursday 22 February 2024, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

To register for the workshop,
visit www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events.

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer. Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course.

DATE: 24-25th February 2024 (*no overnight stay*)

VENUE: at St Luke the Evangelist, Revesby.
1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby NSW.

More information and registration at
www.trybooking.com/CMGTS

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
Saint Cecilia
Founded in 1860—Nashville

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY

WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS
OF SAINT CECILIA

CHRIST, OUR FIRM FOUNDATION
Rediscovering the wisdom of the Church's spiritual tradition
Matthew 7:24-27

16 MARCH 2024

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HALL | SATURDAY 10AM-4PM

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Women who have attended previous retreat days with the Sisters are encouraged to bring a friend to this event.

REGISTRATION
SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE TO REGISTER.
A \$20 FEE ASSISTS WITH COVERING RETREAT EXPENSES.
DOORS OPEN 9AM. TEA & LUNCH INCLUDED.
www.bit.ly/3RRAKfa

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WOMEN'S NETWORK

Didaskō Adult Faith Formation

We cannot love what we do not know (St Augustine)

God is forever revealing Himself to us. Have you ever been curious to find out more? Join Chris Wolter online for a thought-provoking short course titled God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology that will make learning about God both enjoyable and accessible.

DATES: Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024

TIME: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

MODE: Online via Zoom

COST PER COURSE: \$35 for individuals

To find out more and to register, visit
<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/>.



No photography or videography
permitted while Mass is in progress.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



St Mary's Cathedral Training Choir is launching from February 2024 for Boys and Girls in Years 1-3

This group will be the foundation choir for the main Cathedral Choir, rehearsing every Thursday from 4:15pm to 5:30pm in the Cathedral Song School. Run by experienced vocal specialist Anna Sandström, this free-to-access ensemble is available to any child with an interest in singing.

To register your interest, please scan the QR code and complete the online form.

